Review of the working of the new textile policy

975. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been made about the working of the new Textile Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) The Government have been reviewing from time to time the implementation and impact of the Textile Policy announced in June, 1985. Results achieved so far in important areas of the textile industry indicate that the textile policy has given right direction to the textile industry.

Re-assessment of raid cases

976. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of raid cases in which re-assessment has been completed within three years. as on the 30th June, 1986; and

(b) what is the number of such cases pending beyond three years, as on the 30th June, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Income-tax Act. 1961 prescribes time limits for completion of orders of assessment, re-assessment, re-computation of income which may extend upto the expiry of four years from the end of the assessment year in which the reassessment notice was served. Administrative instructions already exist for early completion of assessments in search and seizure cases. Central Board of Direct Taxes does not maintain detailed record regarding the date of completion of such assessments. Progress of such assessments is however effectively monitored at appropriate field levels.

India's share in world tobacco market

977. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that India's share in the world tobacco market has come down from 17 per cent in 1970 to 9.2 per cent in 1984;

(b) if so, whether Government have analysed the causes of this fall; if so, what is the result thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) India's share in world exports of unmanufactured tobacco and FCV tobacco in 1970 was 5.75% and 10.59% respectively and in 1984 was 5.76% and 9.37% respectively.

(b) The small decline in India's share in world exports is primarily attributable to growing anti-smoking campaigns in the Western World affecting their import requirements.

(c) The following steps *inter-alia* have been taken to improve India's share in world exports of Tobacco:—

(1) abolition of export duty on unmanufactured tobacco;